

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, please cancel line and insert - MEDICAL IMPLANTS MADE
OF MOULDINGS --.

line 2, please cancel line and insert -- Field of the Invention--.

Page 3, before line 24, please insert -- Summary of the Invention --.

Page 5, ^{after} before line 3, insert -- Description of the Preferred Embodiments --.

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Line 3, after "elements", please insert -- of foil having a thickness of 10 to 200
micrometers and --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended twice) Implant for the reconstruction of soft tissue [based on a
physiologically compatible plastic which comprises] said implant comprising: a
plurality of thin pliable [foldable] structural elements made of foil of a physiologically
compatible plastic, said foil having a thickness of 10-200 μ m and a surface that is
wetable by a fluid lubricant.

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Claim 5, line 3, please change "tubular foils" to --tubes formed of said foil--

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7. (amended twice) Implant according to claim 1 [6] wherein said surface of the foil is hydrophilized and said implant contains an aqueous fluid wetting the hydrophilized surface as the lubricant.

Claim 8, line 2 please change "foldable" to --pliable--.

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9. (amended twice) Implant [,] according to claim 1 wherein the surface is wetted by said fluid lubricant, and the lubricant is swellable.

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11. (amended) Implant according to claim 1, wherein the surface of each thin [foldable] pliable structural element includes [has] a hydrophobized surface.

12. (amended) Implant according to claim 11, wherein said implant contains fat or oil wetting the hydrophobized surface as the fluid lubricant.

Claim 17, line 2 please change "foldable" to --pliable--.

Please add the following new claims:

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19. An implant for the reconstruction of soft tissue, said implant comprising:
a plurality of structural elements lying on top of one another to provide a thickness to said implant;
said structural elements being formed of pliable foil of a physiologically compatible plastic, said foil having a thickness of 10 to 200 μm ; and
B⁵ said structural elements having a surface that is adapted to be wetted by a fluid such that, when said surfaces are wetted, sliding movement is lubricated between said structural elements as the implant is flexed.

20. The implant according to claim 19, and
a fluid lubricant contacting said structural elements and providing lubricated sliding movement between said structural elements during flexure of said implant.

21. The implant according to claim 20, and
an outer covering surrounding and enclosing said structural elements.

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22. The implant according to claim 20, and
said structural elements each being a layer of said foil stacked with the other structural elements to provide a thickness to the implant.